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Foreign Office informed Embassy USSR recently requested approval technical overflight Turkey for scheduled flight Moscow to Beirut. Foreign Office studying problem including question of route to be designated. Foreign Office commented sees no way to refuse - citing article 23 Montreaux Convention. Added that no response yet made. Foreign Office in no hurry and Soviets not pressing. Would appreciate comments statement Beirut end.

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